



Ecole Mission Secondary PAC Meeting

Wednesday Oct 16, 2024

Meeting Commences: 7:01 PM

In Attendance: Jim Pearce (Principal); Laurie Booth (Treasurer), Yvonne Hale (Chair), Kimberly Kennedy (Dry Grad), Shannon Jones (member at large), Alana Rempel (member at large), Melanie Janzen (member at large), Tania Bradely, Crystal Lagerbom (DPAC)

Adopt Agenda: 1st - Tanya 2nd - Alana

Approval Minutes: 1st Melanie 2nd - Alana

Principal's Report: Jim Pearce

It's been busy

- **Interim Reports:** Things are picking up pace. Interim reports will be published soon. Teachers will be reaching out to parents in various methods to communicate academic progress. Please reach out to the school principal/ vice principals if no communication from teachers is received. Expect your students to be engaging in some homework through the week. If they say they don't have any homework - connect with their teachers as this is highly unlikely. Communication between home and school is crucial.
- **Parent/ Teacher Conferences** - Thursday Nov. 21
- **PRO D day Oct. 25** (no classes)
- **School Programs:**
 - Auditions for Drama have occurred and they will have an orchestra in the pit!
 - Fine Arts in full swing
 - Riverside Trades Sampler - 32 grade 11 and 12 students (16 per semester) spending time at Riverside College.
 - AP classes FULL (Advance Placement - earning university credit). In back to back years MSS students have won \$100 000 Schulich Scholarship Award for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)
 - MSS students score very well on provincial AP exams
 - School continues to be full at 1380 students however, new students continue to be registered as they move into the district
- **Breakfast Club / funding** (question asked by Melanie Janzen)
 - approx \$20 000 granted to MSS for this program. In previous years this has been topped up due to COVID grants and so forth. Now we are back down to the original \$20 000 as the COVID grant money has depleted. This means hot breakfasts have been reduced but cold breakfast of fruit, yogurt, bagels, etc, continues. Some focus on the elementary schools - sandwiches are made at MSS and delivered to Mission Central and West Heights (and hockey academy players support with delivery as well as spending time with the elementary kids)
 - Meal programs for MSS students who are hungry - can seek out cafe cards for sandwich, wrap, pasta

New Business:

- **Review Current Constitution and revise as needed.**

- Section IV Membership: Melanie motioned to change the executive shall consist of up to four (4) members at large to up to six (6) members at large. 1st Kim 2nd Alana - passed unopposed.

Yvonne motioned to amend d) and update term of office for all executive positions shall be from September to June with the option to return to the following September meeting. 1st Tania, 2nd Melanie. Passed unopposed.

- Section VIII Duties of Officers: Members at Large: motioned by Laurie to remove ii) coordinate phoning committee as phones are rarely used to communicate amongst PAC members and executives. 1st - Mel, 2nd Alana. Passes unanimously
- Kim motioned to insert an additional line titled "Fulfillment of Commitment" - After two (2) missed meetings by an officer, PAC can vote to select a replacement of said officer (position) as a result of failure to fulfill the agreed upon commitment. 1st - Shannon 2nd - Alana. Motion passes.
- Fundraising - Christmas tree fundraiser again this year? Yvonne to investigate if the nursery is offering this fundraiser this year. Kim brought forward an option for a large scale fundraiser / raffle which could potentially bring a lot of money to PAC. Fundraiser will be used to cover Dry Grad costs with the remaining proceeds going into PAC general account to support other school initiatives. Temporarily named "Kim's Fundraising Calendar" for reference.
- Teacher request forms dispersed (for November's meeting)

Old Business:

Committee Reports and Correspondence:

Correspondence:

- BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils . <https://bccpac.bc.ca/> MSS PAC members are encouraged to visit this website to learn more about the role and undertakings of the BCCPAC. Currently advocating for action on provincial education infrastructure funding. Membership fees this year are \$ 100 (not \$75). Cheque to be sent.
- Solicitations for fundraisers: Purdy's, TIA at HT Photography, Brightraiser, Panago.
- Mission Literacy in Motion is looking for Reading Buddies.

Treasurer's report:

- Motioned by Yvonne to separate bank accounts rather than have Gaming Account as a sub account to PAC General Account (may make for easier bookkeeping?)
- Current balance in Gaming Account - \$27 290.00 (\$26 180 is Gaming Grant Award)
- Current balance in General Account - \$ 5 234. 15

Motion by Tania that \$2500 from the general account funds be used to sponsor five (5) scholarships at \$500 each for MSS students. 1st - Mel, 2nd Crystal . Motion passed

DPAC report (Crystal)

- Annual General Meeting via ZOOM Oct. 21st at 7:00 PM. Visit dpacsd75.com for the Zoom link. Agenda to include: Gaming Grants, PAC constitutions, walking buses (elementary), etc. Great opportunity to learn more about our school district, gain a wider perspective of school operations and engage in dialogue with school board officials (superintendent).
- Last DPAC meeting discussed: enrollment increases, hiring of 140 TTOCs, bus driver shortage, White Hatter Internet Safety presentation, meetings to start earlier to include “mini sessions” . Meetings run approx. 2 hours and happen in hybrid format (option to attend via Zoom or in person).

Dry Grad:

- reminder that funds raised under the Gaming License must run through the PAC Gaming account and not MSS account.
- See Fundraising idea mentioned under New Business
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Next PAC meeting - Wednesday Nov. 20th AT 6:30 PM (***) note earlier start time as this is a longer meeting to decide how Gaming Grant funds will be allotted)

Adjournment: 8:30 PM 1st - Tania, 2nd Kim

Next PAC meeting dates:

Wed. Nov 20 @ **6:30 PM**

Wed. Jan 15 @ 7 PM

Wed. Feb. 19th @ 7 PM

Wed. April 16th @ 7 PM

Wed. May 21 @ 7 PM

Executive wrap up meeting June 18th (location and time TBA)